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## INTRODUCTION WORDS!

This February has brought us with several events in our organization, offering an indication into the remarkable progress of our IOP initiatives. Highlights include ***the groundbreaking ceremony for our new chemistry library at Lord's Hill School, a vibrant scout camp, and inspiring discussions at Nyalumbu and Lugalo schools in preparation for International Women's Day.*** We invite you to read this article and enjoy it!

## GROUND BREAKING FOR THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY CONSTRUCTION AT THE LORD'S HILL SECONDARY

On February 12, a groundbreaking ceremony launched the construction of a Chemistry



Laboratory at Lord's Hill Secondary School. This project will equip our students with facilities for conducting essential chemistry experiments, boosting their practical experience and understanding.

The lab will not only serve our school but also neighboring secondary schools lacking such resources while meeting government

mandates for dedicated science facilities. Designed with a training area, gas storage, equipment storage, and an office, it can accommodate up to 48 students at once, hence eliminating overcrowding during practical sessions.

We envision this space igniting students' passion for science, fostering future experts, inventors, and discoverers. Construction is underway, with completion expected within this year.



Our deepest gratitude goes to our partners at IOP Norway—especially Olav Drevland and his team—for their generous donation via NORDOX. This fulfills a long-standing dream of providing our school with a modern laboratory.

## THINKING DAY SCOUT CAMP

In honor of the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the worldwide Scouting



movement, scouts from various schools in Kilolo District gathered at the Ilula Peacemakers Vocational Training Centre (IPVTC) grounds for a three-day camp from February 20 to 22.

The event kicked off smoothly on the first day with scout registration, followed by an overview of the camp's plans. Over the next

two days, experienced scout leaders delivered engaging training sessions alongside hands-on activities across the camp site.

Commemorating the founder's birthday holds deep significance for young people. It reinforces their scout responsibilities, inspires reflection on community projects, and fosters unity among youth from diverse areas. The camp provided a valuable platform for sharing school-based initiatives, exchanging experiences, and strengthening ongoing efforts.



We extend our gratitude to our generous donors, whose support keeps scout groups thriving in our schools. In challenging times, such contributions are essential to sustain activities, prevent groups from dissolving, and ensure youth have spaces to connect, learn, and grow.

## PANNEL DISCUSSION AT LUGALO AND NYALUMBU SECONDARY SCHOOLS

In celebrations ahead of International Women's Day, the Economic Empowerment Project brought together students from Lugalo and Nyalumbu secondary schools for a dynamic debate focused on girl empowerment. The event touched key themes like self-awareness, tolerance in school environments, strategies for achieving academic goals, and—most critically—combating violence in schools.



The debate sparked powerful exchanges, with students and facilitators posing probing questions that received thoughtful, enthusiastic responses. Participants probed into real-world challenges, sharing personal insights and practical solutions with remarkable energy and conviction.

This initiative, led by IOP, underscores the vital role of such discussions in shaping young minds. By emphasizing girls' responsibilities as active members of society while deeply educating them on their rights, the project is building a foundation for a stronger, more equitable community—one where everyone recognizes and upholds both rights and duties.



Events like this not only empower individual students but also extends outward, inspiring safer schools and bolder futures for Tanzania's next generation of leaders.

## GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for reading this wonderful piece. We look forward to sharing more updates from our organization in the coming months! Thank you for being our all-time reader!

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